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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr BOYES, and Mr RADOUX.

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on Salvadorean refugees in Honduras

PE 80.546



The European Parliament,

- A- whereas the Honduran authorities have already deported, against their will, 10,000 Salvadorean refugees from La Virtud and La Guarita, both near the Salvadorean frontier, to Mesa Grande where living conditions are inhuman,
- B- whereas the Honduran authorities have also announced their intention to move the 6,000 Salvadorean refugees from the Colomancagua camp,
- C- whereas the deportation of the refugees living initially at La Virtud and La Guarita, together with the departure of the representatives of international humanitarian organizations, was followed by the militarization of these regions,
- D- whereas the majority of those living in the Colomancagua camp have stated in writing that they do not wish to be deported to Mesa Grande,
- E- whereas the announcement of the deportation of people living at Colomancagua represents a strengthening of Honduras' policy of militarizing frontier regions,
- F- whereas the aim of this militarization policy was to prevent new would-be refugees from El Salvador entering Honduras and to give free rein to the Salvadorean Guardia operating on Honduras territory,
- G- whereas the Honduran authorities have rejected the proposal from international humanitarian organizations that reception centres should be set up in the frontier areas for would-be Salvadorian political refugees,
- H- whereas the troops operating in the militarized zones systematically hunt Honduran peasants who have assisted Salvadorean refugees,

1. Calls on the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council of Ministers to make immediate representations to the Honduran authorities to ensure that:
  - the inhabitants of the Mesa Grande camp are transferred to a location where there are better sanitary, climatic and security conditions,
  - the inhabitants of the Colomancagua camp are not deported to Mesa Grande,
  - the international humanitarian organizations are able to set up reception centres in the frontier regions,
  - the Honduran army no longer collaborates with the Salvadorean forces pursuing the refugees,
  - the Honduran authorities adopt a general and positive policy of respecting the rights of refugees and would-be refugees;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Governments of the Member States.